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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Finance Docket No. 32549 (Sub-No. 25)

BROTHERHOOD OF LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEERS AND TRAINMEN–ENFORCEMENT  
OF LABOR ARBITRATION AWARD–BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY

Decided: March 23, 2006

On November 2, 2005, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen (BLET) filed a pleading asking the Board to order BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) to fully comply with a labor arbitration award. By decision served on December 9, 2005, the Board adopted the procedural schedule proposed by the parties and on February 28, 2006, the Board issued a decision modifying the procedural schedule. Pursuant to the modified schedule BNSF filed a motion for summary judgment on March 9, 2006.

By motion filed on March 23, 2006, BLET requests a 2-week extension for filing its reply to BNSF's motion, from the March 24, 2006 due date under the modified procedural schedule to April 7, 2006. BLET indicates that the reason for the extension request is that the parties have been discussing whether their dispute can be settled and whether intervening events have made further litigation unnecessary. BLET states that BNSF does not oppose the request.

The request is reasonable. Accordingly, the request to extend the due date for BLET's reply will be granted.

It is ordered:

1. BLET's extension request is granted. BLET's reply to BNSF's motion for summary judgment will be due on or before April 7, 2006.

2. This decision is effective on its date of service.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary